GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:761
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LAND FOR SABARIMALA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference on 3rd July, 2006 involving officials of the Government and Representatives of Travancore Devaswom Board have taken some decisions on an action plan regarding Sabarimala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has allotted/sanctioned/decided to give more land for Sabarimala;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) A meeting was held in the Ministry of Environment & Forests on 03.07.2006 to review the status of Sabarimala Master Plan implementation. Officials from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, State Government (Kerala) and the Travancore Devaswom Board participated in the meeting.

(c)&(d) The Government of India has diverted 110.524 ha. of forest land at Nilakkal and 12.675 ha. of forest land in Periyar Tiger Reserve for implementing the Master Plan. At present no proposal is pending in the Ministry under the Forest (Conservation) Act for diversion of forest land.

(e) Question does not arise.